

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 8 are canceled herein. Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-31 remain pending in the application.

ALLOWABLE Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 8 would be ALLOWABLE if rewritten in independent form.

The patentable features of claim 8 (as dependent from, and including, the limitations of claim 5) are amended herein into its independent claim 1 (and claims 5 and 8 are subsequently canceled). It is believed that claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-14 are ALLOWABLE for all the reasons that claim 8 was allowable.

This same ALLOWABLE subject matter is amended into ALL pending claims 15-31.

Claims 1-31 rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Claims 5 and 8 are canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection with respect to claims 5 and 8. Regarding the remaining claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-31, they have been carefully reviewed and are appropriately amended herein. In particular, independent claims 1, 15, 20, 21, 26 and 27 are amended herein to remove the objectionable language added in the previous Amendment.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-31 are in full conformance with 35 USC 112. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Indefiniteness of Claims 1-31

Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 5 and 8 are canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection with respect to those claims. With respect to the remaining claims, claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-31 have been carefully reviewed and are appropriately amended herein to remove the indefinite language.

It is submitted that claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-31 are in full conformance with 35 USC 112. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 and 9-31 over Alam in view of Hawkins

Claims 1-7 and 9-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,324,544 to Alam et al. ("Alam") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,884,323 to Hawkins ("Hawkins").

The patentable subject matter of ALLOWABLE claim 8 is amended herein into all pending independent claims (claims 1, 15, 20, 21, 26 and 27). In particular, claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-31 are amended herein to recite that the synchronization instruction comprise at least one parameter including a control parameter identifying a different application to perform a next instruction after executing the synchronization instruction.

The Examiner indicates that "Alam does not expressly or implicitly disclose . . . a parameter that identifies a different application to perform a next instruction after executing the synchronization instruction. Additionally, such a feature [is] not taught in the art in relation to synchronizing a PDA with a host device." (Office Action at 3)

As a result, it is believed that all pending claims are now patentable. Should this not be the case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at his office to resolve any remaining issues.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-31 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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